



Community-based REDD+

CBR+ (2013-2017)

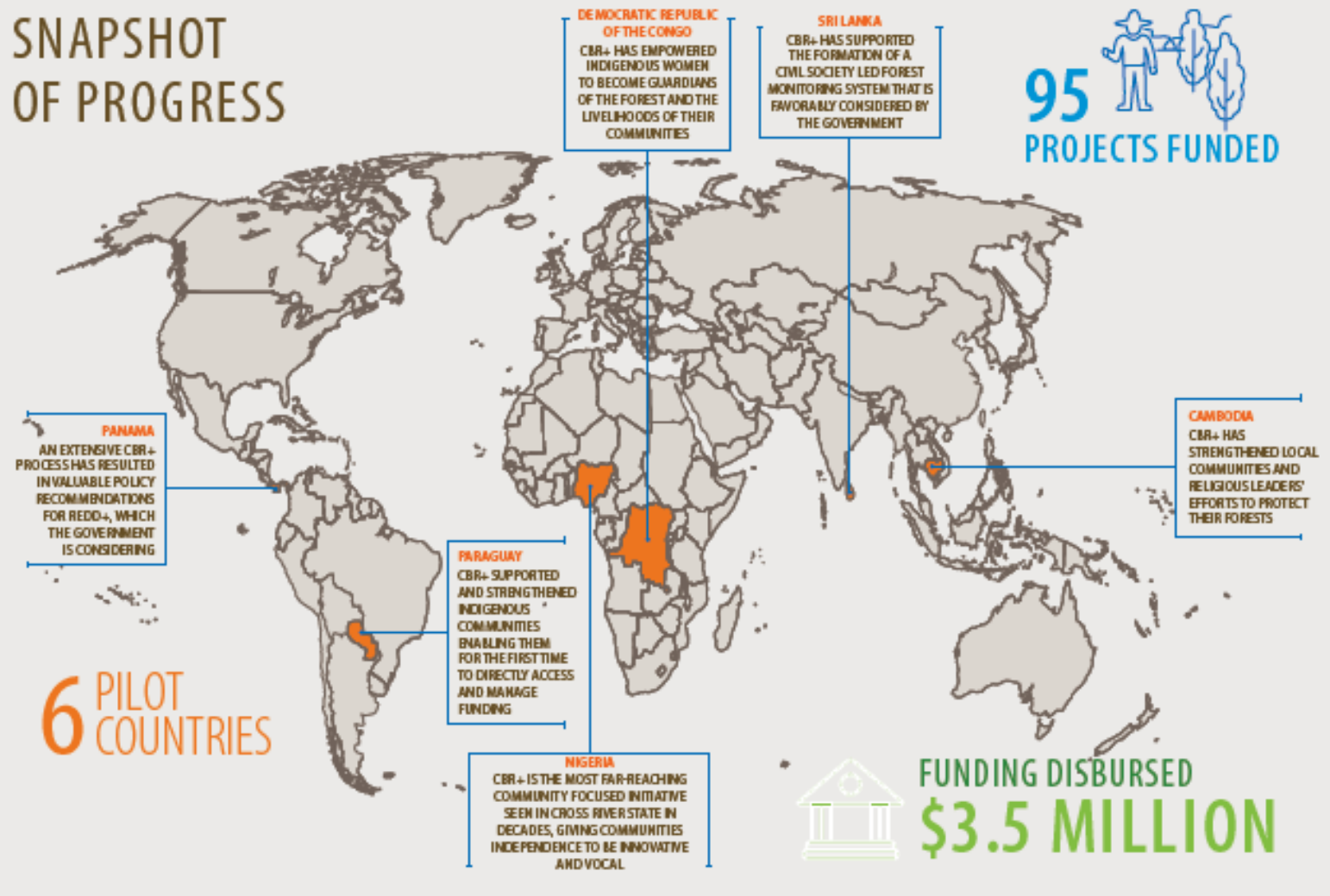
UN-REDD Programme

Implemented by UNDP-
Small Grants Programme (SGP)

\$4m from Government of Norway

\$4m in matching grants from SGP

SNAPSHOT OF PROGRESS





Rationale & Objectives

- Demand from IP/LCs for direct access to REDD+ funds
- Recognize the value & strengthen the role IP/LCs play in forest conservation and management
- Full and effective participation of IP/LCs in REDD+ processes
- Build capacities and awareness of IP/LCs to enhance participation in REDD+
- Support REDD+ countries to meet their UNFCCC requirements – esp safeguards
- Avoid/mitigate potential adverse impacts on IP/LCs
- Pilot innovative methods and approaches to REDD+
- Inform national and international forest and climate policies and practice



Establishing CBR+

- **UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme**
- **CBR+ / National Steering Committees (NSC)** - participatory, incl reps with REDD+ expertise, ensuring links to national REDD+ processes
- **CBR+ Country Plans** guiding submission and selection of CBR+ proposals, ensuring synergies with national REDD+ processes
- **Call for Proposals**
- **Capacity building** on REDD+, project design, monitoring
- **Small grants** (< USD 50,000) – directly to IP/LCs
- **Gender sensitive approach** systematically promoted (training, monitoring)
- **Evaluation and knowledge management, local/national dialogues**

Sample CBR+ Activities

- Awareness raising, communication materials
- Piloting FPIC and benefit sharing methodologies
- Participatory monitoring of REDD+ implementation
- Strengthening IP/LC representative platforms
- Community forest management plans
- Joint land-use planning
- Strengthening traditional grievance mechanisms
- Gender mainstreaming



	# community projects	CBR+ activities	CBR+ delivery (USD)
Cambodia	13	• Support the legalization of Community Forestry/Protected Area establishment (CF/CPA) • Development and implementation CF/CPA management plans • Support CF/CPA/CFi patrolling, demarcation activities and participatory mapping • Support REDD+ awareness raising/capacity building activities • Promote the use renewable energy through installation of battery, which CF committee members can earn money for patrolling their forest after project ends • Independent evaluation for each project	518,386

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Nigeria	15	• Stakeholder consultations for the REDD+ Strategy of Cross River State (CRS). • Capacity support for FPIC of forest communities affected by a major motorway proposal crossing CRS. • Public awareness campaigns on forest and REDD+ in CRS and nationwide. • Production of bylaws, Land use Planning and Forest Management Plan by communities. • Training of forest management committees and Forest Guards for effective coordination and monitoring and enforcement of bylaws. • Strengthen women's participation in forest governance through inclusive forest management planning and implementation; and innovative gendered livelihoods through investments in food crops, livestock and non-timber forest products. • Strengthen community land rights and build capacity for sustainable land use and community forestry through land use and forest management plans. • Strengthen civil society platform for REDD+ implementation. • Provide evidence for forest policy reform especially ongoing discussion to review CRS forest policy and a protracted moratorium on logging.	561,723

	# of community projects	CBR+ activities	CBR+ delivery (USD)
Panama	15	• National forum of leaders and representatives from the 15 CBR+ projects to discuss and review the draft national strategy for REDD+ and its satellite components (2017). • 5 capacity building projects on REDD+ for indigenous and community stakeholders. • Extensive knowledge process, with publications and videos. • Specific forest-gender stream to inform national policy	570'823
Paraguay	24	• Dialogues on reducing deforestation and environmental issues between grassroots communities and local authorities • Revaluation of traditional knowledge of indigenous communities regarding the cultural and spiritual value of native forests; • Production of various videos with lessons learned from CBR+.	543,136

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Sri Lanka	8	• 17 capacity-building programmes for local organisations: training some 4,000 people. • Gender mainstreaming: 50% women engaged in project activities – achieved.	538,175
DR Congo	26	• Capacity building of indigenous and rural organisations in conjunction with the national REDD+ programmes. • Mapping and establishment of legal entitlement for ‘women’s land expanses’ in three provinces. • Strong media linkages	543,996

Results

In process of gathering further information on impacts and lessons but is difficult, given sample size

- 6 countries, 4 years
- 100 projects (8 – 26/country)
- 500K/country

Reports, evaluations and feedback suggest positive results

- More demand for projects than funding was available
- Requests from UN-REDD Board Members, pilot countries and IP/CSO Reps for a new phase, expanded
- Strengthened participation in REDD+ national and jurisdictional strategy design
- Strengthened representative platforms
- Enhanced capacities of IPLCs to engage more effectively in REDD+, manage funds
- Development of participatory forest monitoring system
- Women's empowerment and enhanced opportunities for engagement in REDD+
- National multi-stakeholder dialogues on NDCs

Could improve linkages with national REDD+ processes (policies, decision making)





Looking Forward

Small Grants

- Support IP/LCs to participate in REDD+ implementation and monitoring
- Foster IP/LC engagement in the review, implementation and monitoring of the forest components of NDCs.

Knowledge, policy and dialogue

- LCIP Platform: Support new UNFCCC Local Communities and IP platform, providing country-based knowledge and experiences in the forest realm that can underpin the Platform's global work.
- NDC dialogue: Support analysis of forest component of NDCs in terms of recognition and promotion of the IP/LC rights



- REDD+ Strategy and NDC Implementation
- Larger projects, downstream impacts
- Benefit Sharing
- Tenure rights
- Overlapping land claims
- Conflict Resolution
- Participation in Decision Making
- Free, Prior and Informed Consent
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessments
- Safeguard Information Systems
- Monitoring and Reporting on Safeguards
- Jurisdictional approaches
- Emerging standards and requirements (California, TREES, GCF)

Investing directly in IP/LCs is
more important than ever

Example Country Selection Criteria

- National strategy for REDD+ adopted and registered in the UNFCCC Hub.
- REDD+ implementation finance mobilised, where funding gap/opportunity for community actions and investments is identified.
- Interest expressed formally and jointly by government and IPLC representatives, identifying entry points / theory of change for CBR+ impact.
- Willingness to enhance the forest-related component of NDC and to do so through a participatory and rights-based approach (and apply safeguards).



E-Consultation Recommendations (Oct 2019)

Positive feedback on Phase I from pilot countries – SGP NSC members and grantees

Activities

- Support IPLCs to ‘localize’ policy measures in the REDD+ national strategy / NDC
- Strengthen spaces for permanent dialogue with IPLCs, within the framework of the REDD+ national strategy / NDC, linked to UNFCCC LCIP Platform
- Put in place procedures for the recognition, mapping, and security of land and resource tenure rights in the areas where REDD+ will be implemented
- Explore how REDD+ and IP tenurial security actions can be used as possible NDC mitigation or adaptation elements
- Focus more on safeguards implementation and monitoring

Criteria for country selection

- Evidence (and associated analysis) of commitment to implement of Cancun Safeguards
- Advanced REDD+ implementation status
- Positive legal frameworks on rights
- Working and thriving CSO and community-led initiatives around forests, rural-urban infrastructure, food-water-biodiversity

Reporting

- Indicators to measure how CBR+ supported reports/consultations are incorporated in national policies/legislations
- Document how activities incentivize and generate changes at the national, regional and local level



Share your feedback!

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Learn more:

<https://sgp.undp.org/about-us-157/partnerships/community-based-redd-cbr.html>